

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2011

A regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on October 11, 2011, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room with all Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved, which was done without change or correction.

Member McFarland asked the Clerk/Treasurer to present the 2012 budget to the meeting. The Clerk/Treasurer presented that budget as proposed and advertised. After discussion, Member McFarland moved that the 2012 budget be approved as submitted, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Council then invited comment about a possible delay in the start and completion of the Westwood storm drainage project. Marve Selge appeared on behalf of the contractor and representatives of Territorial Engineering were present as well. Residents of this area of town who attended the meeting expressed concern that starting this project in March would complicate its completion because of the weather then and the amount of water that will be in the vicinity of the project at that time. Mr. Selge indicated that his workforce was delayed by another project that his company was completing and that he did not believe they could get the Westwood project completed before winter set in this year. His concern that roads would be unpaved and other issues from the project being only partially completed through the winter. Mr. Bixby of Territorial Engineering reported that the contract terms gave the contractor until May 31, 2012 to complete the project. Mr. Selge said that his intention was to start on March 1, 2012 and that he would only need 31 working days to complete the project after that. He believes that his company will have plenty of time to complete the project within the time allowed. Mr. Bixby indicated that a request could be made for an extension of the grant funding if the contractor was not able to complete the project on time. It was noted after much discussion that this was an information meeting only since the contract provided a completion date and it was up to the contractor to make sure that he had the work done by then.

Mr. Pharis of Triad Associates then appeared before the Council and explained the engineering work that his company could do. They had just opened a Goshen office and they were interested in working in this area. He had done some preliminary work on the Shaffer Road project as an example to the Council of what his company could do.

Mike Shoda then appeared before the Council and presented the bids he had received for the overlay on Shaffer Road. The bid from Niblock Excavating was for \$55,880.00, while the Phend & Brown bid was for \$44,150.00. The overlay was to be from Harris Street to Trojan Drive. After discussion, Member McFarland moved to accept the Phend & Brown bid for \$44,150.00, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved.

The town attorney then presented to the Council information he had gathered about the passage of an ordinance creating a violation bureau for the town. It was noted that Mr. Keyser should prepare a list of the ordinances to be enforced through the violation bureau and to identify those ordinances by ordinance number. Mr. Wagner was asked to draft a proposed ordinance for consideration of the Council and present it at the next meeting.

Mike Shoda then appeared before the Council again to give his report on his department activities. He answered various questions about his department's activities in the last month.

Member McFarland asked Mr. Shoda and Mr. Terry if they could start the implementation of the employee evaluation program, so that they would have an idea of how the same might work.

Under new business, the town attorney mentioned to the Council that the Triton High School tennis team won its conference championship for the first time in its history. The Council asked Mr. Wagner to prepare an appropriate resolution to present to the tennis team at its next meeting.

Heather Barron then appeared before the Council and indicated she was participating in the Marshall County Leadership Program and was trying to come up with a project that might be approved as a part of this program. The idea that she had come up with was the possibility of starting a meeting place for community teenagers so they would have a place to go and stay out of trouble. A discussion was had about this and Member McFarland mentioned the Boys and Girls Clubs that have been started in both Plymouth and Bremen. She was encouraged to contact people involved with those organizations to see if something similar could be set up in the Bourbon area.

The Clerk/Treasurer then presented the EMS contract for 2012 with Multi-Township EMS service for their consideration. She noted that the contract price of \$39,900.00 was at no increase from the previous year. Member Wattenbarger mentioned what a good job this company does for the community. He then moved to approve the 2012 contract at a cost of \$39,900.00, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk/Treasurer also mentioned that there were apparently some problems with the roof leaking at the EMS building and a leak in the sink in one of the bays. The Council authorized her to obtain quotes on the repair of the roof and sink at this building and to arrange for payment of the same, all on motion of Member Hanley, which was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

The Clerk-Treasurer then gave all Council Members a copy of the 2011 salary ordinance, which she asked them to review before the next meeting, so that the 2012 salary ordinance could be discussed at that time. The Clerk-Treasurer then mentioned an apparent shortfall between the money being raised by the storm drainage rate ordinance and the amount required to amortize the bond payments for that department. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to contact Umbaugh & Associates about resolving this apparent shortfall.

Mr. Terry then appeared before the Council and reported on leaf pickup starting soon.

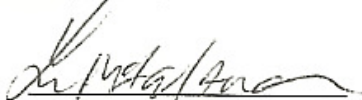
Mr. Shoda appeared before the Council again and asked about the disposal of the 1991 Ford truck, owned by his department, which was no longer in use. He suggested that it be included in an upcoming auction that Ball Auction & Realty, Inc. might have. Member Wattenbarger said that he would look into that.

Mr. Shoda also indicated to the Council that he felt it was important to have a better system to monitor the depths of the settling ponds. He said that he had investigated the cost of such a system and one could be obtained for \$7,700.00. After further discussion, Member Hanley moved to authorize the purchase of such a system for \$7,700.00, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

Member Wattenbarger then led a general discussion of the necessity of having handicapped parking spots in the downtown area on a 24-hour basis. It was also suggested that the current locations for handicapped parking may need to be moved to better spots. Member Wattenbarger was going to look into this further and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

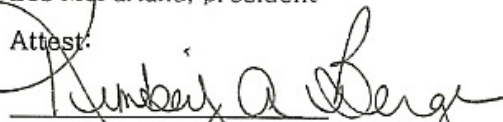
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Les McFarland, president

Attest:



Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer